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Burke-Gilman Trail Locks To NW 60th Construction Beginning Soon

Basic information:

Construction of the section of the Burke-Gilman Trail from the Hiram Chittenden Locks to NW 60th Street will begin in mid-late November. The project will last eight to nine months, weather permitting.

This phase of the Burke-Gilman Trail extension will begin at the entrance to the Ballard or Chittenden Locks and follow the south side of 54th Street NW to 32nd Avenue NW. Starting at 32nd Avenue NW, the south/west curb will be moved 6 feet into the roadway to create additional room for the trail. This curb extension continues up to NW 60th Street where 37th Avenue NW then becomes Seaview Avenue NW.

Project Elements:

- New multi-use trail, planting strip and sidewalk from Locks to NW 60th,
- More attractive "streetscape" with trees separating the sidewalk from vehicle traffic and both trees and landscaping between the trail and parking area,
- Better defined parking areas and driveway access rebuilt to current standards,
- Rebuilt, reconfigured intersection of NW 60th Street, 37th PI NW and Seaview Avenue NW that includes a much improved pedestrian crossing and a reconstructed railroad track crossing,
- A new 8" water main, which will result in increased water pressure, improved fire-flow and better overall water service.

General Construction Notes:

- Moderate noise and dust
- Some truck movement into and out of the work zone
- Narrowed traffic lanes; however, traffic will be maintained in both directions throughout the project
- No significant delays; however, there will be some slowing through the work zone
- Emergency access will be maintained at all times

Tentative Work Schedule:

- The first phase of work will start at the intersection of NW 60th and 54th Avenue NW/ Seaview Avenue.
- A regular construction update will be posted outside the construction trailer and on the website. Regular email updates will also be sent. If you wish to be added to the email listserv you can sign up for it on the website or contact Peg Nielsen. More details of the anticipated construction schedule are also available on the website.

For more information:

Please visit our website at: <http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/bgtrailext.htm>

You may also contact: Stuart Goldsmith, Project Manager, (206) 615-0860,

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If you have specific questions about construction activities as they are occurring, please contact the City's Resident Engineer, Mark Sliger, at (206) 423-2593 or Robert Bellefeuille, the Community Liaison for Mid Mountain Construction (construction contractor), at (425) 202-3608 or (206) 779-9158 or robertb@midmtn.com

